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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

#### **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

#### **Opposer Information**

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Granted to Date of previous extension	12/09/2015
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#### **Applicant Information**

Application No	86368032	Publication date	08/11/2015
Opposition Filing Date	12/09/2015	Opposition Peri- od Ends	12/09/2015
Applicant	Rubicon SCG, LLC 425 W. North Ave Chicago, IL 60610 UNITED STATES		

### Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 035. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Marketing, namely, promoting the goods and services of others through retail discount offers, coupons, rebates, and exclusive items in the nature of goods and services of others that are not generally available; providing information aboutbrands, services, and products in the form of reviews, price-comparisons, and promotional information; promoting special offers for the goods of others in providing advertising information about events, activities, venues, and travel destinations that are designed to promote thegoods and services of others; advertising goods and services of others to consumers according to their preferences

## **Grounds for Opposition**

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
Other	On information and belief, Opposer has common law rights in the mark DEALISTIC! that have priority over the DEALIST mark of Applicant.

## Mark Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	4056355	Application Date	04/17/2011
Registration Date	11/15/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	DEALISTIC!		
Design Mark	Dea	lls <sup>.</sup>	T t
Description of Mark	The mark consists of The wor an exclamation point.	ding DEALISTIC and	d a speech bubble containing
Goods/Services	Class 035. First use: First Use		
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Signature	/Matthew Kulseth/
Name	Matthew Kulseth
Date	12/09/2015

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In the matter of Application Ser. No.: 86/368,032	
Filed: December 9, 2015	
For the mark DEALIST	
Published in the Trademark Official Gazette on July 22, 201	5
INTERTAINMENT VENTURES, INC.	)
DBA DEALISTIC.COM CORPORATION MINNESOTA	)
Opposer,	)
V.	) Opposition No.
Rubicon SCG, LLC,	) Opposition (vo)
Applicant,	) 

#### NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

INTERTAINMENT VENTURES, INC. DBA DEALISTIC.COM CORPORATION MINNESOTA ("Opposer") believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the mark shown in Application Serial No. 86/368,032 (the "Application") in International Class 35, and hereby opposes the same.

The grounds for opposition are as follows:

1. Rubicon SCG, LLC ("Applicant") seeks to register DEALIST as a standard character trademark without any other claim or limitation as to any particular font, style, design, size, or color, for "Marketing, namely, promoting the goods and services of others through retail discount offers, coupons, rebates, and exclusive items in the nature of goods and services of others that are not generally available; providing information about brands, services, and products in the form of reviews, price-comparisons, and promotional information; promoting special offers for the goods of others in providing advertising information about events, activities, venues, and travel destinations that are

designed to promote the goods and services of others; advertising goods and services of others to consumers according to their preferences" in International Class 35 ("Applicant's Mark).

- 2. Applicant's Mark was published for opposition in the <u>Trademark Official Gazette</u> on July 22, 2015. On October 9, 2015 the Board granted Opposer's request to extend the time to oppose the registration of Applicant's Mark until December 9, 2015. Thus this Opposition is timely filed.
- 3. Opposer is focused on providing an Internet commerce website that allows customers to view and purchase marketed goods and services. Opposer has adopted, has used, and continues to use the mark DEALISTIC!® in connection with its Internet commerce website, including providing services such as "The bringing together, for the benefit of others, of a variety of goods and services, enabling customers to conveniently view and purchase those goods and services from an Internet web site particularly specializing in the marketing of the sale of goods and services of others," among other products.
- 4. Opposer has adopted and has continuously used the DEALISTIC!® mark in connection with apparel goods since at least as early as March 1, 2011.
- 5. In addition to owning extensive and strong common law rights in the DEALISTIC!® mark, Opposer is the owner of record for United States Trademark Registration No. 4,056,355 for the mark DEALISTIC!® in connection with "The bringing together, for the benefit of others, of a variety of goods and services, enabling customers to conveniently view and purchase those goods and services from an Internet web site particularly specializing in the marketing of the sale of goods and services of

others" falling within International Class 35, claiming a first use date at least as early as March 1, 2011. The Registration was issued on the Principal Register on November 15, 2011.

- 6. The services upon which Applicant seeks to apply its proposed DEALIST mark are unrestricted as to channels of trade, and they are highly similar and/or closely related to Opposer's services offered under its DEALISTIC!® mark, and would travel and be promoted through the same or overlapping channels of trade as the services offered under Opposer's DEALISTIC!® mark.
- 7. Applicant's proposed DEALIST mark so resembles Opposer's DEALISTIC!® mark as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the unrestricted and broadly-worded services described in Paragraph 1, to cause confusion, mistake, or to deceive.
- 8. Applicant's proposed DEALIST is nearly identical to Opposer's DEALISTIC!® mark in that the dominant and most distinctive portions of the marks, "DEALIST" are nearly identical, only differing by two letters and an exclamation point. The insignificant difference of the letters "IC" after the word "DEALIST" in Applicant's mark and the singular word "DEALISTIC!" in Opposer's mark are insufficient to avoid a likelihood of confusion as to the marks in their entireties. The net effect of this similarity is to stimulate recall of and likely confusion with Opposer's DEALISTIC!® mark.
- 9. Given the clear visual, phonetic, and connotative similarities between the distinctive elements of the marks in question, and nearly identical and overlapping nature of the services offered under the respective marks, those in the relevant public are likely to mistakenly believe that the services Applicant proposed to offer in the United States under the proposed DEALIST mark are sponsored, endorsed or approved by Opposed, or

are in some way affiliated, connected, or associated with Opposer, all to the detriment of

Opposer. Registration of the Application should therefore refused under 15 U.S.C.

§1052(d) and 1063.

10. Registration of the proposed DEALIST would additionally be a source of damage

to Opposer as it would confer upon Applicant various statutory presumptions to which it

is not entitled in view of Opposer's prior use and registration of the DEALISTIC!®

mark.

WHEREFORE, Opposer respectfully requests that the Trademark Trial and Appeal

Board sustain its opposition, refuse registration of Application Serial No. 86/368,032, and grant

any other relief that may be just and equitable.

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Applicant,	)

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

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	) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN	)

Matthew C. Kulseth, of the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, in the State of Minnesota, says that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015, he mailed by First Class mail, a true and correct copy of Opposer's:

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